

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet replaces the original sheet for Fig. 2. In Fig. 2, the term "word" is indicated in English.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Objection

Fig. 2 has been objected to as including Japanese character for "water".

Fig. 2 has been amended to indicate the "water" in English.

Applicant respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Status of the Claims

Applicant notes that the Office Action incorrectly indicates that claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By the submission of the Preliminary Amendment on June 21, 2007, claims 1-13, 22 and 23 should be currently pending, i.e., claims 14-21 have been cancelled, and claims 22 and 23 have been added by the June 21, 2007 Preliminary Amendment.

The Office Action indicates that claims 1, 3-13, 16, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected, and claims 2, 14, 15, 17 and 19 are objected to but allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this amendment, claims 1, 9, 10-12, 22 and 23 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 13 are amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0024609 to De Smith et al. ("De Smith"). Claims 1, 3-13, 16, 18, 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0074704 to Endo et al. ("Endo") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,175,124 to Winebarger ("Winebarger").

As indicated above, rejected claims 1, 9 and 10-12 have been cancelled rendering the rejections directed to these claims moot.

Objected to claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form reciting all of the limitations of the base claim (i.e., claim 1). Also, each of claims 3, 4, 6, 7 13 has been amended to depend from claim 2 as amended.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the application containing only allowable claims (i.e., claims 2-8 and 13) is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

As indicated above, Applicant has chosen in the interest of expediting prosecution of this patent application to distinguish the cited documents from the pending claims as set forth above. However, these statements should not be regarded in any way as admissions that the cited documents are, in fact, prior art.

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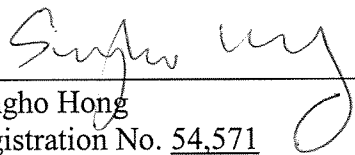
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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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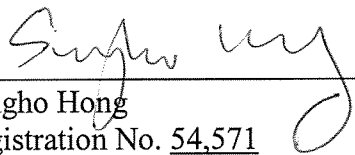
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